

WASHINGTON.

Cabinet Speculations.—Mr. Thomas

Purchase, etc.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—All sorts of

speculations are made here, as well as

elsewhere, about Gen. Grant's cabinet.

The only thing he has himself said about it,

in which there might be any significance,

was a remark he made in some general

conversation about the policy of the next

administration, and for the first time

he mentioned the names of Mr. Thomas

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CINCINNATI.

A Terrible Murder and Suicide.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 30.—A horrible

murder and suicide took place in this

city this morning at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Albus

killed her wife, Josephine, by blows on

the head with a hatchet and stabbing her

once in the back with a knife. She then

shot herself through the head with an

Enfield rifle, the ball taking away the

back part of her head and scattering his

brains all over the room.

CALIFORNIA.

Heavy Seizure of Opium—Japanese

Consul.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The custom

officers have seized a quantity of opium

valued at \$40,000, for violation of the

revenue laws. The drugs were brought

from China by the Great Republic. An

attempt was made to smuggle them

through.

Charles Wolcott Brooks, Japanese con-

sul at San Francisco, started overland for

Boston to-day.

Capt. Emerson, of the ship Kingston,

died of cholera from Bombay. He is

a native of Backport, Maine.

ENGLAND.

The New House of Commons—The

American Mission.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 30.—The House of

Commons met to-day. The American

mission, headed by Mr. Thomas

Purchase, arrived yesterday. They had

extensive connections in Amer-

ica, and were expected to be of great

service to the government. The mission

was headed by Mr. Thomas Purchase,

and consisted of Mr. John Sherman,

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Washington street tunnel, Pub-

lican, will be thrown open to the public

on New Year's Day.

A New Orleans dispatch announces

the sinking and probable loss of the

steamer St. Nicholas, on Red river.

Dr. W. A. McCracken, of Springfield,

O., one of the proprietors of the Spring-

field Advertiser, died suddenly in

Vicksburg, on Christmas day.

Paducah is suffering with the veloci-

pede mania. A citizen has invented a

vehicle bearing that name, with three

wheels, that is said to work like a char-

iot. It is claimed by Senator Morton that

a majority of the Senate Committee have

already informally pronounced in favor

of his bill for redeeming the legal tender

notes.

One of the committees appointed to in-

vestigate the frauds in the Auditor's of-

fice at St. Louis, states that forgeries

had been discovered to the extent of

\$120,000, committed during the past four

years.

The New York Tribune says that not

less than two hundred thousand persons

are now within sight of city's steeples

who have no work, no real homes, and

no means which insure them a liveli-

hood.

Edward Lanham & Long, proprietors

of the Pashal House lottery scheme,

have been arrested in St. Louis on com-

plaint of Mr. John King, for selling lot-

tery tickets in violation of law. They

were released on bail.

The Dearborn Theater, which opened

at Chicago two weeks ago, has suspend-

ed operations, the management hav-

ing failed to raise the necessary sum of

\$250,000. The management, Messrs. Al-

kison, of the Museum, has leased it, and

will shortly transfer his company to it.

Violence building has now become

one of the established industries of Paris.

There are not only separate manufac-

tories of the article, but one, engaged in

finishing the iron work alone, employs

250 hands, and turns out twelve vehicles

a day.

The lifeless body of W. Saladin, a

prominent brewer of Chicago, was found

suspended from the ceiling of his brewery

Monday morning. No cause is assigned

for the murder, but it is believed that

the deceased was a victim of domestic

violence, and his domestic relations were

happy.

Judge Busted, whose official action in

the State of Alabama is shortly to be

the subject of investigation in Wash-

ington, announces that he is totally op-

posed to the removal, for any cause, at any

time, of disabilities from any and all per-

sons who engaged in the rebellion.

The supervisor of revenue for Ken-

tucky reports that the revenue officers

generally performing their duty well;

but that few persons attempt now to de-

fraud the government, and that the

amount of tax collected has increased

in about double that collected under

the old one.

Gen. Donaldson, Chief Quartermaster

of that military division, has addressed a

letter to the President, in which he

states that the standard of the Missouri

river steamboats be raised, and

indicating that unless this be done, and

the risk of transportation on that river be

increased, the government will look for

other avenues by which to supply its

military posts.

George W. Frost, General Superin-

tendent and Purchase and Supply Agent

of the Pacific railroad, has been ap-

pointed to the Pacific railroad, which is

being laid at the rate of seven miles

MEXICAN BANDITRY SACK A TEXAS TOWN.

The entire male population of Clarksville,

Cheyenne village, was sacked, on

Mexican side, where they make it a

practice of spending the evenings.

No further trace of the robbers had

been found up to noon of Sunday, at

which time the steamer left for New

Orleans.

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